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**Subject:** Thursday Letter  
**Attachments:** Safer Schools parent flyer.pdf

**Importance:** High



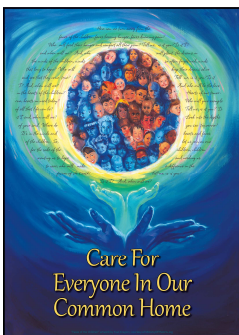
Dear Parents,

Does your child have a cell phone? Or do you plan on your child having a cell phone in high school? Does your child have access to a computer or tablet at home? Do you think your child will at some point be using Instagram, Snap Chat, Twitter, or Facebook? Does your child play video games? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then we have a parent information night for you. On **Monday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>**, St. Paul School, together with St. Joseph the Worker School, will be presenting a parent information evening titled ***Social Media Awareness and Parenting in the Digital World***. The evening is put on by a company called **Safer Schools Together**, who is contracted by the Ministry of Education to train and inform parents and educators around the province. I attended this same workshop for educators a few weeks ago and found it highly informative and enlightening. As the mother of 3 teenagers, it certainly helped me stay informed and connected with their online behaviour, the apps and social media platforms they are using, and what to watch for as a parent. In our current and future digital world, come and learn how to protect your child and teach them responsible and appropriate use of technology.

I highly encourage your attendance at this parent information evening. **Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 pm. St Joseph the Worker Church**. Please see details in the attached poster.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



*"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."* **Mother Teresa**

# What's Happening

**Assembly tomorrow** – Gr. 6 & K. 9:00 am in the gym.

**Hot Lunch** – Monday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Gr. 7 Confirmation Parent Meeting** – Wednesday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. 6:45 pm in the gym.

**No School – Friday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>** – A reminder that this day is a professional day.



**Parent Information Evening – Monday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>**. *Social Media Awareness and Parenting in the Digital World*. See information poster attached, as well as principal's message above. This parent evening is free, and attendance is highly encouraged – you will be glad you went!

**BC Lions Faith and Family Night** – Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. 7:00 pm game against Edmonton. Tickets are \$30 (ALL-IN; a \$43 value). After the game, there will be a performance by a Christian worship band, and a question and answer session with some of the BC Lions players and coaching staff, who will be discussing faith, family, and football. It is a great night of fun and fellowship that they have been holding annually for several years with great reception. Also, everyone who comes out will receive a free pair of BC Lions sunglasses. Please contact the school office for tickets.

**Parish Advent Fundraiser** – In support of the New Church Building Fund, the parish is hosting Fr. Robert Galea, from the Archdiocese of Victoria in Australia, for an evening of music and song. Fr. Galea, together with Psalm Ninety-Eight Music Ministry, will perform at St. Monica Parish on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 each. For tickets, please email Mercedes Tangi at [mercedestangi@gmail.com](mailto:mercedestangi@gmail.com).



**When Parents Have Concerns** – If at any time you have a concern regarding your child, a school event, a staff member, or an incident that happened, we ask that you **please come and speak with your child’s teacher**. The only way that concerns can be effectively resolved is through open communication between home and school, resulting in accurate information being shared, and an informed understanding of your concern.

**Planning the school year?** – If you are looking for professional days, dates for school holidays, etc., our online calendar is updated to June 2018. The calendar can be accessed through the school web site at [www.stpaulschool.com](http://www.stpaulschool.com).

**When your Child is Sick** – In anticipation of cold and flu season, we’d like to remind parents to be prudent when it comes to deciding when to keep your child home, or when to send him/her to school if he/she has just recovered from being ill. **Some basic guidelines are as follows:** **24 hours** after temperature returns to normal, or after gastrointestinal illness (**vomiting/diarrhea**); contagious infections such as suspected **pink eye or strep throat**; unexplained **skin rash**; **severe cough and cold** symptoms. Exercising proper hand washing techniques is also crucial to helping prevent the spread of viruses. This will go a long way to keep our student and staff population happy and at school.



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